

REMARKS

Claim 14 has been cancelled. Reexamination and reconsideration of the amended application respectfully is requested.

Claim 14 stands rejected. All other claims are allowed. Therefore, to expedite the prosecution, claim 14 has been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Based on the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and such a Notice with allowed claims 1 - 4 and 6 - 13 earnestly is solicited.

If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange for such a conference. Should any fee be required, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002 and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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